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Deep water crisis hits city outskirts

Residents of Tavarekatte at the foot of Chamundi Hill and surrounding areas protesting for water by blocking the road and burning tyres yesterday.

- District Minister G.T. Devegowda to hold emergency meeting at DC's Office tomorrow
- Hit by severe water shortage, residents take protest route; burn tyres, block roads
- Corporation authorities say they are prepared to tackle drinking water woes
- Water level at KRS stands at 89 feet as against a maximum level of 124.80 feet

Mysuru, Apr.28 (MTY&BCT)- Several areas within Mysuru and those that touch the city borders including Hinkal, Mahalakshmi Layout, Nanneshwara Nagar, Tavarekatte village and surrounding areas are facing severe water crisis with public taps and borewells going dry and water being supplied through tankers. Lack of water and gruelling summer has forced residents to hit the streets with flash protests.

Realising the gravity of the situation, Mysuru District in-Charge Minister G.T. Devegowda will hold an emergency meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Office tomorrow (Apr.29) at 10 am where the crisis situation will be discussed.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, the Minister said that several areas in city including Hinkal, Tavarekatte, Mahalakshmi Layout, Vijayanagar Third and Fourth Stage, Railway Layout, Housing Board Layout, Hootagalli, Bogadi, and Jayapura Hobli were reeling under severe water shortage.

"The meeting will be attended by In-charge Secretary of Mysuru District, IAS Officer Kalpana who will come from Bengaluru, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, Zilla Panchayat CEO K. Jyothi, Water Board officials, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Engineers and others. We will discuss the situation and take up measures to mitigate the crisis," he said.

When asked whether the Election Model Code of Conduct would come in the way of the meeting, Devegowda said, "This is a meeting to discuss drinking water and Poll Conduct will not come in the way as we are not announcing any new projects. We are just looking at ways and means to solve the crisis with better management," he said.

Residents hit streets

Yesterday, residents of Tavarekatte on the Chamundi foothill protested and burnt tyres on the road. They even placed empty pots on the road blocking traffic. As the protesters blocked the road leading to the Hill at the entrance arch, vehicles ferrying tourists and devotees were stranded for more than an hour. On Friday, the residents of Hinkal and Mahalakshmi Layout staged a protest at Mahalakshmi Layout opposing the apathetic attitude of the administration.

There are 150 families living in Tavarekatte village and according to residents, they have not received water since the last one week due to the damage to the water pipeline. Adding to their misery, even the borewells have gone dry.

(See WATER on page 8)

Will HDK gift Golden Chariot to Kukke Temple ?

Mysuru / Mandya, Apr.28 (OSR)- Seeking divine intervention on his son Nikhil Kumaraswamy's electoral victory in Mandya and for the stability of JD(S)-Congress Coalition Government in Karnataka, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) has reportedly agreed to fulfil the vow of providing a Golden Chariot to Sri Kukke Subramanya Temple.

Kumaraswamy *Nikhil*

Acting on the advice of an astrologer, Kumaraswamy has conveyed his willingness to re-initiate the project to the Temple authorities and Muzrai Department that manages the Temple, said reports from Bengaluru and Kukke Subramanya.

The promise of Golden Chariot to Kukke Subramanya was made 15 years back when N. Dharam Singh became the Chief Minister of Congress-JD(S) Coalition Government (2004-2006) and he even promised to sanction money for the project. But the promise remains unfulfilled and even when Kumaraswamy became the CM with the help of BJP in February 2006, the Rs.200 crore project never saw the light of the day.

(See CHARIOT on page 9)

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National-level Project Contest at GSSSIETW tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 28- GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women, Mysuru, is conducting the 4th National-level Project Competition "IEEE PROJECT EXPO-2019" under IEEE Student Branch (STB1786) and IEEE WIE Affinity Group, GSSSIETW in association with IEEE Bangalore Section on Apr. 29 from 9.30 am.

The purpose of this competition is to highlight various opportunities and challenges in all the engineering sectors, get insight into the future procurement plans and examine the technology options and strategies.

Its main objective is to provide a forum to exhibit the technical challenges implemented in Electronics, Telecommunication, Computer Science, Information Technology and related areas.

Winners will be awarded with cash prizes and certificates.

The IEEE PROJECT EXPO will be inaugurated by S. Rajashekhar, IP Specialist, GE Bengaluru, Secretary, IEEE Bangalore Section and Chair-Elect, IEEE PES, Bangalore Chapter.

Air Commodore Ravi Krishna Iyengar, AVSM VSM (Veteran), Vice-President-Strategic Business (Aero Space & Defence), Kaynes Technology India Pvt Ltd., Mysuru, will be the guest of honour.

The inaugural function will be presided by Vanaja B. Pandit, Hon. Secretary, GSSS. R.K. Bharath, CEO, GSSS, Anupama B. Pandit, Administrative Officer, GSSSIETW, Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, Convener Dr. B.D. Parameshachari, IEEE Student Branch Counsellor, Professor & Head, Department of TCE and Chief Coordinators C. Shyamala, Assistant Professor, Department of ECE, S.I. Arpitha Shankar, Assistant Professor, Department of TCE, M. Keerthi Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of TCE will be present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Netaji ki baat: ***Do politicians mean what they say? Some unverified non-interpretations:***

H.D. Deve Gowda: ***Vote for the secular alternative! (What he means: Vote for me, my sons, my grandsons)***

Narendra Modi: ***When it comes to terrorists, ghar mein ghus ke maarenge! (His supporters in Gurugram interpret this as: if you don't like your neighbour, enter his house with large sticks and beat him up)***

Rahul Gandhi: ***If we win, we'll remove poverty and provide Nyay! (What he means: my grandmother promised Garibi Hatao, couldn't achieve it, now give me a chance. After all, it's all in the family!)***

Mamata Banerjee: ***Bengal will never bow to Centre's diktat! (What she means: No chopper from Delhi will be allowed to land in my air space. Khobordar)***

Mayawati: ***Don't divide the Muslim vote! (What she means: After scoring zero in 2014 general election, I really cannot afford to be divided any further)***

Azam Khan: ***My opponents wear khaki underwear! (What he means: Since I brought Jaya Prada to Rampur, never dare to forget who wears the pants around here)***

Amit Shah: ***In this election, ours is Mission 400! (What he means: even 200 is good enough, the rest I'll manage).***

—Sagarika Ghose in The Times of India

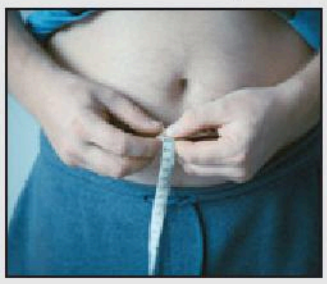
NEWS SPARKLERS

Man nailed to a Cross every Good Friday for 33 years

San Fernando: A 58-year-old man playing the role of Jesus Christ in a yearly Good Friday reenactment of his crucifixion has been nailed to a wooden cross for the 33rd consecutive time last week. Ruben Enaje, from the barangay of San Pedro Cutud, in San Fernando City, has been volunteering to get nailed to a cross on Good Friday since the 80s, but recently announced that next year will be his last impersonating Jesus Christ.

He is currently looking for a successor willing to have four-inch nails driven into his hands and feet and get lifted on a large wooden cross for about five minutes, every Good Friday. He also wants that person to be humble and not brag about their special role.

Man who survived without eating for 382 days



Dundee: An old medical journal has offered scientific proof that there once was a man who didn't eat anything for 382 days and lived to tell the tale. A case study published in the 1973 edition of the Postgraduate Medical Journal documents the unbelievable story of a 27-year-old "grossly obese" Scottish man who stopped eating for a total of 382 days in a desperate attempt to lose weight. He not survived the extreme challenge, but managed to go from 456 to 180 pounds (81 kilograms from 206 kilograms). According to doctors, the man's weight remained stable at 196 pound (88 kg) five years after undergoing the fast.

The man didn't eat any solid food, instead survived on the energy from his abundant fat deposit as well as potassium, sodium, and yeast supplements.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can eating fish raise my mood?

Norway has been ranked the world's happiest country, with the longest life spans. Some researchers have suspected a link between the elevated moods and longer life spans of the Norwegians, and the high amount of fish in their diet.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Shab-e-Barath celebration and Graduation Day held at Masjid-e-Azam

The illuminated Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road.

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (KS)- Shab-e-Barath (The night of forgiveness) celebration and Graduation Day was held at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road in city recently.

Muslim brethren celebrated Shab-e-Barath for their welfare and for the departed souls of their near and dear ones by offering special prayers the whole night. Isha prayers were conducted at 10.30 pm at the Masjid and Hazarath Moulana Abdulla Nayeemi Saheb performed Imamath.

Hazarath Moulana Mufti Mohammed Shamshul Huda Chisty, Chief Qazi of Idhar Shariya and Darul Iftha, Masjid-e-Azam Ahle Sunnath-wo-Jamath spoke on Fazilath Shaban.

Later, the Graduation Day (Dastar Hafiz Quran) was held for three students who studied in Azam Arabic College. Management Committee Secretary S.M. Syed Shafeeq Ahmed anchored. Moulana Mufti Mohd. Shamshul Huda Chisty, Principal, Azam Arabic College, Vice-Principal Moulana Fasiulla Warsi Saheb, lecturers Moulana Abdulla Nayimi Saheb, Management Committee office-bearers Ahmed Khan Ameeri, Mohd. Abdulla Shariff, Dr. Rafi Ahmed Ashrafi, Shacoor Saheb, Saheb Bhai Syed Showkath Peer, Khizar Pasha and Ilyas Baig, President, Meena Bazar Merchant Association distributed certificates and turbans for Hufaz Kiram (student of Arabic College). Management Committee President Ahmed Khan Amarie and other members felicitated Azam Arabic College Principal, lecturers and staff.

Muslim brethren visited the graveyards at midnight and offered floral tribute to the tombs.

Really...?

- ***'Topolino' is the name for Mickey Mouse Italy.***
- ***Stewardesses is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.***
- ***Niagara Falls could fill 4,000 bathtubs every second.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

My Chinese friend got really sick one day and had to go to a hospital. I went to see him the next day. He just kept whispering "yang qi guan" over and over and then died. I was very sad and Googled his last message after the burial. Apparently, it means "You're standing on my oxygen tube!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 69.85
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 90.22
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.02
1 Euro	= Rs. 77.98

VOICE OF THE READER

Pothole posing risk to commuters

Sir,

Road accidents and mishaps are becoming increasingly common in our cities, despite numerous awareness campaigns and sensitisation programmes. Take a look at what is happening over here in Bogadi 2nd Stage, near Brahmagiri Stores.

A pothole has formed in the middle of the road, and it is now a risk to ride two-wheelers on this road. Yesterday an aged man fell from his scooter over here. Even though the localites have informed the authorities, no actions have been taken.

With no other way out, some auto-rickshaw drivers filled the pit with wood and other materials they could find, as a temporary solution.

If the authorities do not take any measures to fix the pothole, it will lead to further mishaps.

—**Sidhartha Babukuttan**
Bogadi 2nd Stage
27.4.2019

CET from tomorrow

Police clamp prohibitory orders around all exam centres in city

Mysuru, Apr.28- With the two-day CET (Common Entrance Test), conducted by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) for admission to professional courses (Engineering, Architecture, Pharmacy, Agriculture etc.) scheduled to take place tomorrow and the day after (Apr.29 and 30), the City Police have clamped prohibitory orders under Section 35 of Karnataka Police Act, in 200 mts radius around all the 21 exam centres in city between 6 am and 6 pm on both the days.

As per the orders, barring the students and exam staff, no unauthorised person will be allowed entry to the exam centres. Also, carrying of objectionable materials to the centres has been strictly prohibited.

The Centres in city include Lakshmi Hayagreeva PU College, Dattagalli; Government PU College, Kuvempunagar; Vijaya Vittala PU College, JSS PU College, Saraswathipuram, Sarada Vilas PU College, D. Banumaiah's PU College, SBRR Mahajana PU College, Chinmaya PU College, Maharani's PU College and Government PU College, Vontikoppal, among others.

Also, all photocopy shops located in the vicinity of the exam centres have been asked to shut-down from 6 am to 6 pm on both the days, according to a release issued by the office of the City Police Commissioner.

KSRTC to distribute monthly pass from Apr.29 to May 2

Mysuru, Apr.28- In order to benefit the travelling public, the Mysuru Urban Division of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has decided to distribute monthly passes of Rs.620, Rs.820 and Rs.1,077 in the following places apart from City Bus Stand and Kuvempunagar between Apr.29 and May 2 from 8 am to 11 am and 4 pm to 8 pm:

Surya Bakery Junction, L&T Bus Stand, Srirangapatna Bus Stand (Mob: 77609-90763); J.P. Nagar (Last Bus Stop), Ramakrishnanagar Circle Bus Stand (Mob: 77609-90764), R.S. Naidu Nagar Bus Stand, Triveni Circle (Mob: 77609-90765) and Hootagalli Junction, Bogadi Village Circle Aralimara Bus Stand (Mob: 77609-97084).

People may also contact Mob: 77609-90752 for information, according to a press release from Divisional Controller of KSRTC, Mysuru Urban Division.

Dr B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations at KSOU

Mysuru, Apr.28- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Study and Research Centre, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), has organised the 128th birth anniversary celebrations of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on Apr.29 at 3.30 pm at Cauvery auditorium in its premises here.

Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) Director Prof. Nilagiri M. Talwar will inaugurate. KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. D. Shivalingaiah will preside over the programme.

Applications invited for BA in Fine Arts, Diploma courses

Mysuru, Apr.28- Mysore University Fine Arts College, Manasagangothri, has invited applications from II PUC passed students for BA in Fine Arts.

BA in Fine Arts is a foundation course involving concepts of various forms of visual and performing arts including painting, sculpture, architecture, music and poetry. The College has also invited applications for two-year diploma course in Music (Flute & Violin), Dance (Bharatanatyam), Drama, Gamaka and Mridanga. Interested may contact Principal Dr. C. Ramaswamy Mob: 91104-04422 or R. Raghu on Mob: 94498-86315 or Ph: 0821-2419586.

Play *Sameepa* in 'Ranga Banuli' on Tuesday

Mysuru, Apr.28- As part of 'Ranga Banuli' programme, organised by Rangayana, Mysuru and Prasara Bharati of Mysuru Akashavani, on last Tuesday of every month, the play 'Sameepa' will be aired at Sriranga auditorium in Rangayana on Apr.30 at 6.30 pm. University of Mysore Professor Emeritus Prof. C. Naganna will be the special invitee.

Written by Manjunath Belakere, the play is produced by Prabhuswamy Malimath.

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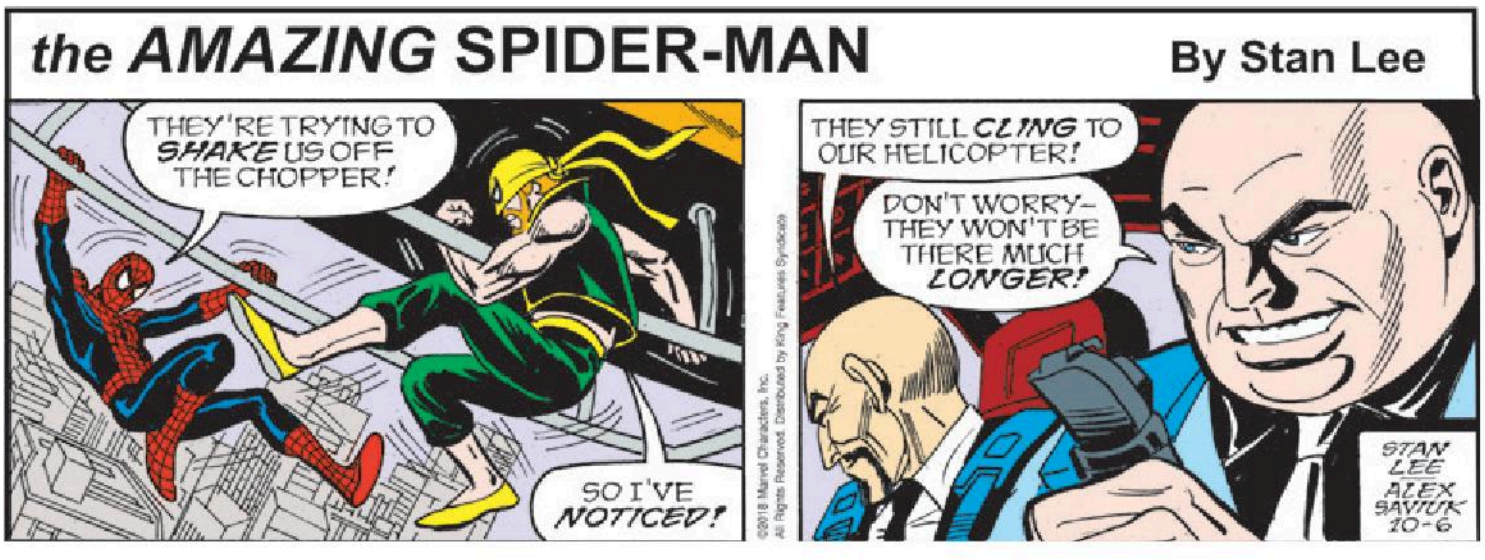
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NEWS BRIEFS

Six-hour play this evening

Charvaka Social and Cultural Trust, Mandya taluk, will be staging a six-hour play titled 'Buddhayaana' at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road in city from 6 pm today. Senior High Court Advocate H. Mohan Kumar will inaugurate the programme. For details, contact Mob: 99012-10047 or 99864-71891.

Water disruption

Due to emergency maintenance works, there will be disruption in supply of water on Apr.29 and 30 at MCC Ward Nos. 42, 44 to 51 and 54 to 65, according to the Executive Engineer, Water Supply Division, Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW).

Vishwakarmas to take out rally

Mysuru Jilla Vishwakarma Maha Okkoota, in association with Mysuru Jilla Vishwakarma Yuva Jagruti Vedike, will take out a rally in city tomorrow (Apr.29) seeking a CBI probe into the alleged rape and murder of engineering girl student Madhu Pattar at Raichur recently and seeking death sentence to the guilty. The rally will commence from Mahatma Gandhi's bust opposite the City Law Courts Complex at 10 am and will pass through Krishnaraja Boulevard and Ekalavya Circle before reaching the DC's Office, where a memorandum will be submitted. For details, contact Mob: 94487-73981.

Swayam Prakash Saraswathi Seer

Hariharapura Sri Adishankaracharya Sharada Lakshmi Narasimha Mutt Seer Swayam Prakash Sachidananda Saraswathi Swamiji will be arriving in the city on the morning of April 30. The Seer will stay in city for four days and will bless the devotees at Krishnamurthypuram's Sri Rama Mandira between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm on all the three days from May 1 to May 3. For details, contact Mob: 93419-99222.

Free cataract screening camp

The Vijayanagar Cultural Association, in collaboration with Manchegowdanakoppal Residents Welfare Association, Mysuru District Blindness Eradication Centre and Mysore Race Club Charitable Eye Hospital, has organised a free Cataract Screening Camp at Samudaya Bhavan, M.G. Koppal, Mayura Circle, Hebbal in city, at 9 am on May 6 (Monday) in memory of late B.M. Marigowda, former Commercial Tax Deputy Commissioner. For details, contact Mob: 99457-32169 or 99729-62665, according to a release.

Land Acquisition process on for Mysuru-Madikeri Expressway

- Existing National Highway 275 will not be widened due to land hurdles
- New Expressway will directly connect Madikeri to Paschimavahini in Srirangapatna

Mysuru, Apr.28 (RK&BCT)- Vehicle pressure on National Highway (NH) - 275, the lifeline between Mysuru and Madikeri, will be a thing of the past and the present scenario of bumper-to-bumper traffic during weekends and holidays will cease to exist as one more new Highway will be built to connect the cultural capital of Karnataka (Mysuru) and the capital of Kodagu (Madikeri). And the good news is that commuters from Madikeri to Bengaluru need not touch Mysuru at all as the 4-lane high-speed Expressway will link the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway that is being expanded to 10-lane Highway.

Called the **Mysuru-Madikeri Economic Corridor Expressway Project** along Mysuru-Madikeri NH-275, the project is being implemented by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the land acquisition process is already on. The 115 km-long Expressway costing Rs.6,000 crore is a fully Centrally-funded Project including land acquisition.

Additional road

In the first phase, works on the 85-km Mysuru-Kushalnagar stretch will be taken up for which the land acquisition process has begun. The Expressway will connect Madikeri with Bengaluru bypassing Suntikoppa, Kushalnagar, Bylakuppe, Koppa, Kampalapura, Periyapatna, Kallbeta, Gonikoppal Deviation Road, Hunsur and Mysuru. The Expressway will touch the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway at Paschimavahini near Srirangapatna.

It will have a road median and the alignment for the new corridor has already been done. It will considerably reduce the journey time between Madikeri and Bengaluru and also connects several cities in North Kerala.

Pressure on existing road

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and NHAI Project Director B.T. Sridhar said that the existing four-lane road between Mysuru and Madikeri (NH-275) has reached a saturation point and there is an urgent need to build a separate road. Travelling on the existing Highway is a nightmarish experience especially during weekends and holidays when thousands of vehicles move between Mysuru and Madikeri, a hill station.

Earlier, there was a plan to widen the NH-275 on either side. But the main roadblock to this project is Rare Materials Plant (RMP), a Central Government Defence Establishment and Arabithittu Reserve Forest owned by Karnataka Forest Department (KFD). If the NH has to be widened, RMP and KFD have to give land and this is near to impossible and is a long-drawn process. As such, the widening of NH-275 has been shelved and an entirely new Expressway project has been taken up.

In the second phase of works, the stretch between Madikeri, Sullia and Bantwal will be taken up and a feasibility report is being prepared by a Bengaluru-based private agency.

14-metre wide road

Pratap Simha said that the project has been initiated by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and will connect Madikeri to Naguvinahalli near Paschimavahini. It will be a 14-metre wide road and the Centre has already received administrative approval. "Rs.6,000 crore has been set aside for land acquisition only and the project will use 25 percent of the existing roads, 40 percent Government land and the remaining 45 percent land will be purchased from private parties," he said.

A dedicated office for land acquisition 'Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Authority (Mysuru-Madikeri Section) NH-275' has been set up at No.984, First Floor, Geetha Road, Chamarajapuram.

Lane alignment

"After conducting detailed surveys, the officials will first prepare the lane alignment in coordination with the Revenue Officers of Mysuru, Hunsur, Periyapatna, Madikeri and Kushalnagar. The total project cost will be estimated later once the lands are acquired and the lane alignment is done. Once the initial processes are complete, technical and financial approvals will be taken and tenders will be called," the MP said.

Pratap Simha added that the project will ensure better connectivity from Madikeri to Bengaluru and will be an additional one to the existing NH-275.

Kaivalya Sahitya Workshop at Gundlupet on Apr.29, 30

Mysuru, Apr.28- Mysuru and Chamarajanagar Districts Veerashaiva Mathadipathigala Goshti has organised a two-day workshop on 'Kaivalya Sahitya' on Apr.29 and 30 at Padaguru Sri Adavimutt Sri Maddaneshwara Vidya Samsthe Mahamane in Gundlupet.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. Vijayapura Jnanayogashrama's Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji will inaugurate the workshop on Apr.29 at 10 am.

Kanakapura Sri Degula Mutt's Sri Mummadi Nirvanaswamiji will preside. Various pontiffs will give lectures on Kaivalya Sahitya.

On Apr.29 at 6 pm, a public interaction on the role of youths and Mutt heads will be held.

Sri Kundur Mutt's Dr. Sri Sharathchandra Swamiji will be the coordinator. Sri Bettadahalli Mutt's Sri Chandrashekar Swamiji, Assistant Professors Dr. S. Maheshwari and Dr. Nandeesh Hanche will take part in the interaction. Gadag's Kappatagiri Sri Nandiveri Mutt's Sri Shivakumara Swamiji will preside.

Over 250 Mutt heads from across Karnataka will be taking part in this workshop, according to a press release.

Eleven Judges transferred

Mysuru, Apr.28- In large scale transfers in lower Judiciary, eleven Judges who were serving in Mysuru District Court in city, have been transferred.

Mysuru Second Additional District and Sessions Judge Vijayakumar M. Anand Shetty has been transferred to Belagavi, while 3rd Additional District and Sessions Judge S. Sudheendranath has been transferred to Tumakuru, 4th Additional District and Sessions Judge Chandrashekar Dundappa Karoshi has been posted at Bengaluru City, 7th Additional District and Sessions Judge C. Chandrashekar to Bengaluru Rural District, 4th Additional Family Court Judge Krishnaiah to Tumakuru, 2nd Additional Judges of the Court for Small Causes Arun S. Malur to Ballari, 3rd Additional Senior Grade Civil Judge Ravindra Dev Kareppa Arri to Dharwad, 4th Additional Senior Grade Civil Judge Jyothi Ramagouda Patil to Bengaluru, 2nd Additional Junior Grade Civil Judge H.R. Ramya to Bantwal, 3rd Addl. Junior Grade Civil Judge O.A. Anitha to Kunigal and 4th Addl. Junior Grade Civil Judge C. Mala to Chikkaballapur.

Mysore Varsity hikes admission, exam fees

Proposal sent to Government for Rs.160 crore grant but got Rs.122 crore

Mysuru, Apr.28 (MTY&NNN)- The University of Mysore (UoM), one of the oldest varsities in the country, has hiked the fee by 10% for the academic year 2019-2020.

The varsity has decided to hike the fee as it is the major source of internal revenue, following a cut in the state government funds. The varsity had submitted a proposal for Rs. 160 crore for the academic year 2019-2020, but, the government has sanctioned Rs. 122 crore.

The fee committee met on Mar.20 this year and revised the fees for various courses offered both at the under graduate and post graduate level under Scheme A and Scheme B. After the decision was taken at the meeting to hike the fees, it was approved by the Vice Chancellor and ratified by the University Syndicate.

The varsity needs huge funds for maintenance of hostels, salaries of contract employees, guest faculty and non-teaching staff members. The varsity has been facing shortage of funds for

maintenance.

In the grant that the Government has allocated to the University, a sum of Rs.75 crore goes towards paying salaries to permanent staff and pensioners. Apart from this a lot of money is required for laboratories, hostels, basic facilities for students and 650 guest lecturers and more than 600 non-teaching staff. There is already a shortfall of Rs. 60 crore. However, by hiking the fees just about Rs. 2 crore is all that will be collected, University authorities said.

Insufficient funds

University of Mysore is one of the best Universities and its rankings this time where it jumped to 54 overall in the country is a testimony to this. It is the only State University with 65 departments.

As many as 224 colleges in Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan and Chamarajanagar districts come under its purview. As the number of students intake has increased, the varsity must provide additional facilities to ensure quality education. There are 78 postgraduate and 18 degree courses in the University, said University of Mysore Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi speaking to Star of Mysore.

Asked why the fees had been hiked, he said that there was nothing new about this move as it is normal to hike the fees. "The University is badly in need of funds to maintain the high standards. There are nearly 10,000 students studying in Manasagangothri itself with over 2,000 research scholars alone. In each class there are a minimum of 80 students in some of the subjects that are on demand. The Government also says that the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) must be increased from 18 per cent to 23 per cent and a as a result in each class an additional 20 per cent will have to be enrolled which could again push the class strength to nearly 100," said Prof. Gandhi.

Sadly, the facilities available for this strength of students is very minimal as Manasagangothri campus designed nearly 60 years ago was meant for a small sized strength of students where there were only 20 to 40 students in a classroom. Now more academic buildings like an academic complex are required, he said.

The University also has the authority to increase the fee structure and hence it increased it by 10 per cent, added Prof. Gandhi.

Normal to hike fees

It is quite normal to hike admission and exam fees. It is not just in University of Mysore but in all universities the fees are hiked. To run a University like ours we need Rs.180 crore every year. This time Government has give a grant of Rs.122 crore and hence we are facing a problem. As a result we are forced to hike the fees. But the facilities to the students will also be provided accordingly. There are nearly 8,000 students studying in Post-graduate departments and including students in Fine Arts College, Maharaja's and Yuvaraja's Colleges, we have more than 11,000 students.

—Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar,
Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore

HC directs UoM to regularise temporary lecturers

Bengaluru, Apr.28- In a big relief to temporary lecturers of University of Mysore (UoM), the Karnataka High Court has directed the varsity to regularise their services within six months.

The Karnataka High Court has directed the UoM to regularise the services of temporary lecturers who have served10 years or more in the varsity and its affiliated colleges.

The Court has pulled up the UoM for indulging in what it termed as 'pernicious practice' of appointing lecturers on temporary basis when there were sanctioned posts available and also exploiting such persons by paying half the salary payable to a regular lecturer.

UoM has to follow the roster norms while regularising appointments. Despite the SC direction, the High Court said, the exploitation of the employees in not giving them the benefit of regularisation and placing the "Sword of Damocles" over their head, continues unabated

The Court was hearing a batch of petitions filed by Dr.M. Kantharaju, Assistant Professor, Department of Christianity and other temporary lecturers serving in University of Mysore and colleges associated with the varsity, who had moved the Court seeking directions to the State and UoM to extend the benefits of the University of Mysore (Absorption, Regularisation of Temporary Full Time/Part Time Lecturers) Statutes 2004, to them.

The Court, while partly allowing the petitions, directed the UoM to take steps to regularise as one-time measure, the services of the petitioners and all such similarly placed persons, who were appointed under Section 51B of the Karnataka State Universities Act and who have served 10 years or more, immediately before the notification of the rules.

The order further states that the University shall complete the process of regularisation within six months.

It says the University may impose a condition on regularisation that if the person/persons have not acquired the qualification like NET/SLET as required under UGC norms, they shall acquire the qualification within a reasonable time from the date of their regularisation.

The order adds that the petitioners shall not be discontinued from service till they are considered under the rules that are to be formulated as directed.

Residential Schools entrance test results out

Mysuru, Apr. 28- The Department of Social Welfare which conducted entrance test on Mar.10 for admissions to class six for the academic year 2019-20 to Morarji Desai, Kittur Rani Chennamma, Ekalavya, Atal Bihar Vajpayee, Indira Gandhi and Dr B.R. Ambedkar Government Model Residential Schools has announced the results in the Department's website www.kreis.kar.nic.in, according to a press release from the Joint Director of Social Welfare Department. Those who have appeared for the test may log on to the above website to know the results.

94 cases of H1N1 detected from January to March this year

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (PM&US)- Swine Flu (H1N1) has entered Mysuru District and as of March from January 2019, out of 318 patients tested it is confirmed in 94. People need not panic as a good precautionary measure can check the disease.

During 2018, 612 patients were tested for H1N1 and 93 proved positive. This proves the gravity of situation this year with 94 positive cases out of 318 in just three months.

Giving the figures, the District Surveillance Cell of the Department of Health and Family Welfare says that there are no fatal cases as of now. Hospitals have been asked to take extra care of patients suffering from influenza.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore, District Health Officer* (DHO) Dr. R. Venkatesh said that the infection was more in city than in rural areas. He further said that the treatment for H1N1 is free in Government hospitals.

"All taluk hospitals and Community Health Centres have been sufficient stock of necessary medicines to treat H1N1.

Even a simple cough and cold should not be neglected. Private hospitals have been instructed to send the patients to Government hospital. The sputum samples of affected patients will also be sent to Manipal Hospital for confirmation. People can call me on my Mob: 94481-08198 for any clarification. People with symptoms of H1N1 should not spit in public places and should cover their mouth while coughing or sneezing. Wearing a mask is still better," explained the DHO.

WHAT IS H1N1: It is a contagious disease spread by the influenza virus which affects the lungs and spreads through coughing and sneezing.

SYMPTOMS: The symptoms of H1Ni are- severe cough, cold, sore throat, fever, vomiting with diarrhoea, breathing problem and body pain.

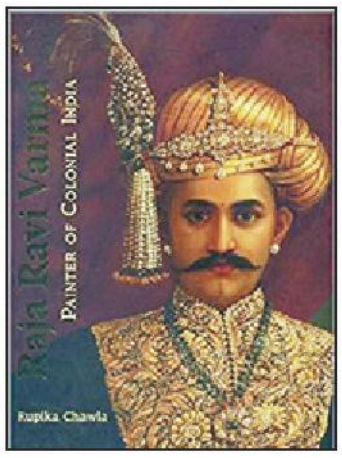
Pages from History

By Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy
former Head, Department of Ancient History & Archaeology, University of Mysore

Raja Ravi Varma

The Emperor of Painting

There are hundreds of painters all over the world but Ravi Varma belongs to the royalty of Kerala. This may be compared to His Highness Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, the Maharaja of Mysore who was a Music Composer. Ravi Varma was the name given to him by his parents but the British out of respect added the word Raja meaning king to him. Thus he became famous as Raja Ravi Varma.



Raja Ravi Varma [1848-1906]

Damayanthi

Portrait of an artist

Ravi Varma was born on 29th April 1848 at a small place called Kilimanoor situated near Thiruvananthapuram. His father was Ezhumavil Neelakanthan Bhattatiripad and mother Umayamba Thampurratti. His father was a scholar in Vedas and Sanskrit while his mother was a good singer. Thus he was provided with an atmosphere which culminated in Ravi Varma becoming an oil painter. Even at the young age of five his interest in painting began to develop. His uncle noticed this and encouraged him to take up painting seriously and guided him to become a painter. Ravi Varma studied the famous *Vishnudharmottara Purana* which is a good source for Hindu paintings. This broadened his outlook on our painting.

By about this time painting was confined to Palaces and temples and mostly it was devoted to paint Gods and Goddesses, depending on mythological themes. The painters themselves had to prepare their colours and it was done by using leaves of plants. An opportunity arrived at his doorstep as it were to get paintings done at the Palace of Raja Ayyalayam Tirunal. He got an opportunity to examine the paintings. He took up the study of the wall paintings of Padmanabha temple. These paintings were done by great masters from Italy. He was highly influenced by these paintings. They were quite different from what he had seen so far.

He studied Edward Moore's painting titled Hindu Pantheon, which consisted of paintings like Sun driving a chariot driven by seven horses, Devaki, Krishna and the like, and they influenced Ravi Varma greatly. His resolve to know the secrets of the preparation of various oil colours increased. He immediately requested the Padmanabhapuram Palace artist Ramaswamy Naikar to teach him the secrets of the preparation of the colours. But he refused and this made Ravi Varma's intention stronger. Though he wanted to devote full time for paintings, his parents insisted and got him married to a charming woman by name Pururarottinal Thamburatti. Fortunately she began to encourage him in the art of painting.

In 1868 a portrait painter by name Theodor Jensen from Holland had come to Thiruvanchoor and he was preparing paintings in the Palace and Ravi Varma got an opportunity to observe him doing the paintings. Jensen was a specialist in European style of painting. This great painter also did not tell him the secrets of mixing colours. And Ravi Varma's resolve became stronger and he began to study the works of Italian painters like Rubens, Raphael, Rembrandt and French paintings by masters like Gustave Boulanger and others.

Without a teacher, Ravi Varma studied the art of painting for about nine years, and became an expert in mixing different colours. He became an adept in portraying objects, men and women in their natural form. This was first achieved by Ravi Varma in the history of Indian painting. This is another greatness of Ravi Varma. He was requested to take up the paintings of the family members of Palghat Krishna Menon and it continued for a long time. He came to know what he should paint hereafter and produced masterpieces which brought him glory. He chose to paint portraits of his patrons, heroines in Ramayana and Mahabharata, Kalidasa's Shakuntala etc. By these paintings his fame spread far and wide.

At that time Lord Hobart was the Governor of Madras (now Chennai) and he organised an exhibition of paintings of Ravi Varma. Ravi Varma's painting titled A Nayar Lady in the process of combing her hair was selected for the first prize. Later another painting titled A Tamil Lady playing the Sarabat (a Spanish musical instrument) won the Governor's gold medal. Then he turned towards Kalidasa's drama *Abhijnana Shakuntala*. Based upon this drama he painted a beautiful painting titled Love letter to Dushyantha. This was considered as the most beautiful painting and won laurels in Chennai painting exhibition in 1886. This became so famous that Monier Williams printed this on the front page of his work. This brought great fame to Ravi Varma. Next three years Ravi Varma spent his time in preparing paintings of life-like portraits. In 1878, he got an opportunity to prepare a painting of the Governor of Madras namely Duke of Buckingham.

Then he painted a picture which depicted Sita entering the earth. His another painting titled A Nayar Beauty exhibited in Poona got him the Gaikwad gold medal. In 1881, when Sayyaji Rao assumed the exalted office of Gaikwad of Baroda, Ravi Varma was specially invited for this glittering function. He stayed in Baroda for four years and painted their family portraits and also painted the pictures of Mahalakshmi, Saraswathi, Nala-Damayanti, Sita siddhi etc. Of these Nala-Damayanti is most famous and most of the traditional homes had this painting.

Mysore connection

His Highness Chamaraja Wadiyar of Mysore invited Ravi Varma and his brother to Mysore in 1885 and Ravi Varma painted life-like portraits of the family members of the Maharaja. In addition he painted a singing gipsy girl, a girl near the water-tap, king's procession, Muslims praying in congregation, a person playing on Sitar, steps of the Chamundi Hill, lovers sitting on the stone bench etc. They were painted during this period. Then he concentrated on paintings of Jhansi Laxmi Bai, Keralavarma, Principal of Presidency College, Thomson etc. Ravi Varma was mainly responsible for the opening of Sri Chitra Art Gallery at Thiruvanchoor. At the suggestion of Dewan Madhavan Nair, who was the Regent of Baroda, Ravi Varma got machinery to print a large number of copies of Ravi Varma's paintings from Germany and set it up in Bombay. From then the copies of the paintings of Ravi Varma were easily available to all lovers of painting at an affordable price.

During the year 1892-93, an international exhibition was organised at Chicago (USA) and Ravi Varma's Malabar Beauty, Begum at the Bath, Expectation, Gipsies of South India, The Bombay Singer etc., won the admiration of the world artists. Again he was invited to Mysore by the royal family. He prepared paintings for the Wadiyars' family and painted many pictures which are now exhibited in the Jaganmohan Palace Art Gallery. In fact it is a store-house of paintings of Ravi Varma of which very important are Sri Rama breaking the bow, Setubandhana, Lord Sri Krishna as an envoy etc.

Without taking any rest he prepared hundreds of paintings, arranged their exhibition, travelled in India and abroad. He died peacefully in 1906 in Thiruvanchoor. With his passing away a brilliant chapter in Indian painting came to a close. End of an era began in the art of painting all over the world. We can pay homage to this savant by opening more painting schools in the name of Raja Ravi Varma. There are some Universities where music and other forms of finearts are taught including CAVA in Mysuru. More and more people should be made to take interest in paintings. Finally painting schools should be opened. India was famous for painting in Ajanta, Ellora, Hampi, Tanjavur etc., and Sigiriya in Celyon.

Many places of performing arts have already come into being and they should be encouraged. Mysuru being the cultural capital of Karnataka, an auditorium should be named after Raja Ravi Varma. That is the best homage that a grateful nation can pay to the Emperor of Painting.

Interactions at 'Chinnara Mela'

Children apprised on Surfing Sport

Mysuru, Apr.28 (YDS&US)- National and International award winning Surfer and Stand-up Paddler Tanvi Jagadish from Mangaluru interacted with children of 'Chinnara Mela' at Rangayana here yesterday.

"My grandfather took me to Surfing sports in Mulki when I was just 9 and till 12 years I practiced Surfing every summer. I was called a Kid Surf Instructor and my parents were apprehensive over my health. I worked hard and I cannot forget the moment of pride when I was cheered at Fiji islands near Australia," recalled Tanvi.

Speaking on the sport, Tanvi opined that it is dangerous to Surf in monsoon and October to May is a good season for it. She regretted that Surfing sport is yet to pick up in India unlike in western countries where a lot of women too participate. She said that sea too is holy and should be preserved free from plastic and other wastes.

International award winning Surfer and Stand-up Paddler Tanvi Jagadish addressing children at Rangayana.

The children posed several questions on Surfing and Tanvi coolly replied in a simple language.

A girl Lasya asked Tanvi to recall any bad moment while Surfing. Tanvi recalled the bad day in Chennai when tsunami from Bay of Bengal hit the shores when she was practicing Surfing. "A huge wave threw me down and water filled my lungs and I suffered a lot before recovering," Tanvi recalled the nightmarish experience.

Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam and others were present during the interaction.

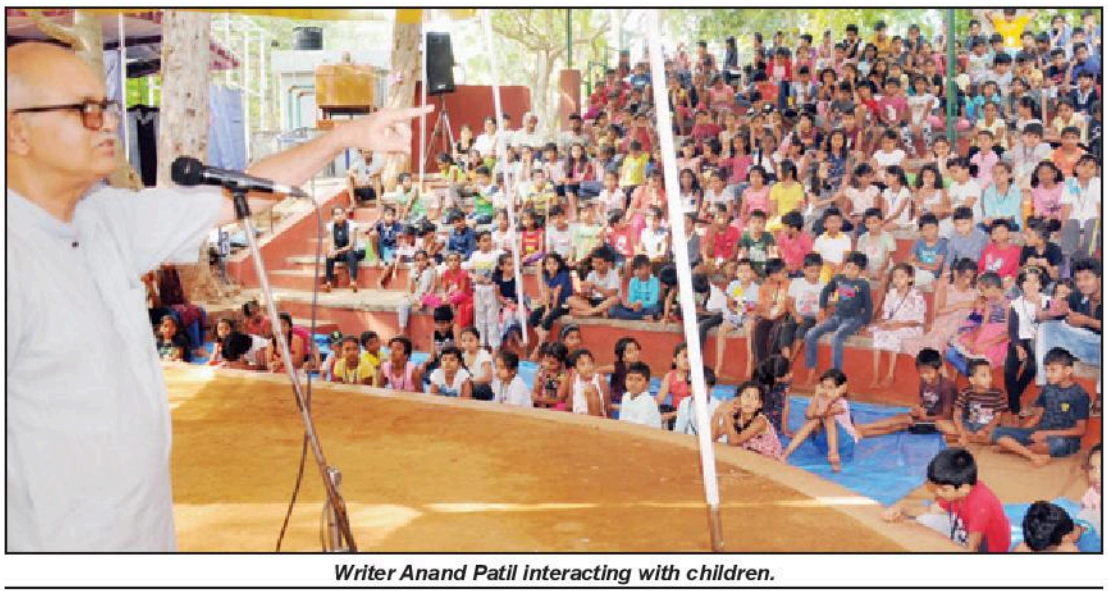
Can an aeroplane fly without a pilot?

Children at 'Chinnara Mela' pose intriguing questions for Aero Scientist Sudhindra Haldodderi.

Mysuru, Apr.28 (YDS&US)- What is Black Box in an aeroplane? Which metal is used to make an aeroplane? Can an aeroplane fly without a pilot? Can the so called flying car be used on a busy area? These were the simple intriguing questions volleyed at Aero Scientist Sudhindra Haldodderi by the children at Rangayana's *Chinnara Mela* during an interaction on Wednesday.

Sudhindra explained in simpler terms the basic functional details of rocket launching, space technology, aeronautics, solar system and planetary motion.

He made clear to children that all the revolution in communication on the earth was the effect of space research. He briefed on the usage of satellites in TV, mobile network and internet. He explained the basis of launch of communication satellites.



Writer Anand Patil interacting with children.

Sudhindra recalled that the first satellite 'Sputnik' was launched by Russia way back in 1957, then USA, China and Japan followed suit. He said that a satellite can study the features of earth surface and also within earth. He commended Indian Scientists in independently launching a satellite to desired orbit in space.

Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam and Joint Director Mallikarjunaswamy were present.

Writer Anand Patil interacts with children

Children's literature writer Anand V. Patil interacted with children on Friday and briefed them on writers, literature for kids in India and abroad. He recited popular poems for children who also joined him in chorus.

Anand rendered the 'Chinnara Mela song' exclusively composed by Srilakshmi.

A kid Vamshika asked which are the books written exclusively for kids? Anand suggested her to read books written for children by R.K. Narayan and Sudha Murty. He added that N. D'Souza too had written about 16 books for kids.

Amrutha questioned as to how to develop an aptitude for reading Kannada books in this age of English. Anand replied that one should learn Kannada well and interact with friends. He added reading alone can develop aptitude.

The children volleyed questions on steps to write a poem and origin of folk songs. Anand replied patiently to all their queries with practical anecdotes.

Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam and others were present.

Children rehearse group singing for valedictory

Mysuru, Apr.28 (MTY&US)- Vanaranga in Rangayana premises here was filled with tender musical notes of children of 'Chinnara Mela' as the kids were rehearsing for the mega group singing event on the valedictory to be held on May 8.

Groomed by Convenor Geetha Montadka, the children were rendering the songs 'Karunalu ba belake' and 'Lolalotte' in perfect synchronisation. The total strength of 450 participating children have been divided into 10 groups with three groups rehearsing everyday and all the 450 would sing together on the valedictory.

Tribal girls on Himalayan trek meet Chinnara Mela kids

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (MTY &SR)- Over 12 tribal girls of Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves, who are taking part in a Himalayan trekking expedition, met the children participating at Chinnara Mela Summer Camp at Rangayana this morning and shared their thoughts about their adventure.

Twelve girls including two lady staff and two male staff drawn from Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning, an Institution run by Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, are taking part in this expedition organised by Tiger Adventure Foundation under ASHA project-2019 and funded by more than 130 donors.

They will leave the city on May 1 and will scale the Himalayas between May.5 and May.15 and will return to Mysuru on May 17 after visiting heritage sites in New Delhi, Agra Fort and Golden Temple at Amritsar.

The girls will scale Mt. Saurkund Pass in Dhauladhar range of Western Himalayas at an altitude of 14,000 feet. "I am delighted to take part in this expedition. We girls and other tribals of the forest who spend most of our time in the forest can now see Himalaya Mountains," said M. Kavya, of Kanthanahaadi of H.D. Kote taluk.

Another girl M. Ashwini of Beguru Haadi also expressed her happiness about her participation and thanked the organisers for taking her on this expedition. She said that the organisers had selected them after conducting physical endurance test.

Speaking on the occasion, Director of Rangayana Dr. Bhagirathi Bai Kadam appreciated the organisers for conducting the expedition for tribals, who find it difficult to take up such adventures due to financial and other constraints.

Deputy Director of Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums Nirmala Matapathi, makeup artist Ramachandra and others were present.

Panache's Designer Expo begins

The Festive Edit, a designer expo organised by Panache, began at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road in city this morning. Seen are (standing from left) Nishat Mohsin (Organiser of Panache), Sneha from ASMI by Mayank Modi, Misba Umrean (Organiser of Panache), Ruchi from StyleAura. The expo is open today and tomorrow from 11 am to 8.30 pm.

Deep water crisis

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Damaged pipeline

Residents have alleged that the water supplied through tankers was hardly enough for their drinking needs. After the water pipeline was damaged, the Chamundi Hill Gram Panchayat replaced it with new one. But the borewells have gone dry and the Panchayat is supplying water through tankers which is hardly sufficient for the residents.

Residents of Hinkal, Mahalakshmi Layout, Hootagalli, Bogadi, and Jayapura Hobli are reeling under severe water crisis and according to residents, they have not got public water since the last 20 days. "We are dependent on borewells, wells and Kalyanis for our drinking water needs. There is no water to take bath or wash clothes," residents said.

There are 28 borewells in Hinkal and only five of them are in a working condition. Water is being supplied in tankers and they come in less frequency which is angering the residents.

Minister Devegowda said recently he had a meeting with the Water Board authorities to complete the pipeline work to Chamundi Hill. "We are seeing water problem every day in extension areas, including Hinkal, Bogadi and Railway Layouts. I have directed the authorities to provide water through tankers," he said.

"I have fought for the implementation of Hale Unduwadi Drinking water Project and even the State Government is keen on it. Till the project is complete, the situation will be the same during summer," he said.

"Under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Project, we are initiating to draw 60 MLD water from Hongalli and Meghalapura. The work will be completed in another three months and in two years, the Hale Unduwadi project will be completed and there will be no water problem in Mysuru for another 30 years," Devegowda added.

KRS water level

The Mysuru region is mostly the Cauvery catchment area with the major dams being Harangi in Kodagu district, Hemavathi Dam in Hassan district, Kabini Dam in H.D. Kote taluk of Mysuru district and Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) dam in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district.

The South West Monsoon is still over two months away and the water level at the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, the main water source for Mysuru now stands at 89 feet as against a maximum level of 124.80 feet. The level is, however, better than the levels recorded last year that hovered between 79.39 feet to 72.70 feet in April and May.

All prepared: Mayor

At an event at Rotary Auditorium on JLB Road in city yesterday, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath told reporters that the MCC is well equipped to tackle drinking water woes and said that the civic body will ensure drinking water supply to all citizens.

She said that except a few pockets of Vijayanagar, Kyathamaranahalli, areas alongside Outer Ring Road, upper areas and Chamundi Hill, the MCC was supplying drinking water to all residents without any disruption. "We have been supplying water to affected places with more than 25 tankers daily and we will hire some more tankers to ensure water to all affected places," she said.

"I have also discussed with MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag to explore the possibility of using 15 percent of 14th Finance Commission Funds for motor repair and other works to mitigate the drinking water problems," she said.

The Mayor said that the MCC has also worked out a plan to use borewell water effectively and to repair defunct borewells. Though Chamundi Hill does not come under the purview of MCC limits as it falls under Gram Panchayat jurisdiction, the MCC is also supplying water through tankers to needy residents of Chamundi Hill, she said.

No crisis: DC

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar told reporters that water crisis has been reported from several areas adjoining Mysuru City. "But there is no crisis as such. If the borewells are sunk, instructions have been given to sink it deeper and repair all the defunct borewells. We have even directed the local administration to hire private borewells if required and certain private borewells have already been identified," he said.

Former CM S.M. Krishna's birthday to be celebrated in city on May 1

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (KS)- Dr.S.M. Krishna Abhimanigala Balaga, Mysuru, will be celebrating the birthday of former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna in city on May 1.

S.M. Krishna

As part of the celebration, pourakarmikas will be felicitated at a function organised in front of Dr. Ambedkar Park at Kuvempunagar at 10.30 am. Retired Professor at Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies Prof. Pradhan Gurudutt will felicitate the pourakarmikas. City's renowned Diabetologist Dr. V. Lakshminarayan will be the chief guest. MLA L. Nagendra will preside. Corporators M. Shivakumar and M.C. Ramesh will be present, according to a press release from Balaga President Vikrant P. Devegowda.

Did Drona die due to negligence?

Video of Drona shivering and collapsing goes viral on social media

Nagarahole Chief Conservator of Forests asks Veterinarian to submit report

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (MTY&KS)- Following the video of Dasara-fame elephant Drona (39) shivering and collapsing on the ground resulting in its death going viral in the social media, animal lovers have alleged negligence on the part of forest officials at the Mathigodu elephant camp inside the Nagarahole National Park near Thithimathi, which led to Drona's death.

They have alleged that the elephant was found shivering due to illness and animal's caretakers had brought the issue to the notice of officials. If the officials had acted fast, Drona could have been saved, they said.

The post-mortem which was conducted yesterday revealed that Drona died of massive heart attack and Haemorrhagic Septicaemia.

Drona, which had taken part in the world famous Jumboo Savari twice, was considered as the future Ambari elephant. The 2.09 minute video shows Mahouts and Kavadis spraying water on Drona to revive it in vain.

Fear of Anthrax: As wild animals infected with Anthrax die suddenly, the sudden death of Drona has caused a sense of fear among the forest officials. Suspecting that Drona may have been infected with Anthrax, the Forest officials have sent samples of dung and blood of Drona to the Mysuru Veterinary Hospital Laboratory.

The Forest Officials, who were waiting for the lab report, did not conduct the post-mortem on Friday night. Security to the carcass of Drona was in place on Friday night and post-mortem was conducted yesterday only after the lab report confirmed that the death was not due to Anthrax.

Post-mortem: The post-mortem was conducted by Veterinarians Dr. D.N. Nagaraju and Dr. Mujeeb during which it came to be known that Drona suffered from massive heart attack and there were traces of Drona suffering from Haemorrhagic Septicaemia. It also came to be known that Drona had suffered from multi organ failure. As its kidneys were not functioning normally, liquid was collected in its stomach as Drona was unable to urinate.

Viscera sent to lab: After the post-mortem, the viscera – lungs, intestines, blood from the heart, kidney and liver of Drona were sent to Mysuru Veterinary Hospital Laboratory from where it was sent to a laboratory in Bengaluru. The lab report will be received within a week and it is only after receiving the report the exact cause of Drona's death would be known.

Drona was hale and healthy: Drona was hale and healthy and had gone into the forest for grazing on Thursday. He was normal till 9 am on Friday.

But at about 9.45 am, he was found leaning to the tree to which he was tied with its trunk coiled around it and taking support with its tusks which was noticed by its Mahout Gunda and Kavadi Ravi.

At about 10 am, Gunda went near Drona and tried to feed jaggery but Drona tried to push him away with its trunk. Gunda immediately called other mahouts and sought their help. The mahouts who rushed to the spot began to spray water from the tank on Drona. But Drona, who was unable to stand steadily, began to sway and suddenly collapsed on the ground.

It is a rare death: "The death of Drona has shocked us. The death that occurred in front of everyone in such a short time has never happened before. Drona behaved the way humans behave while suffering heart attack. The death of a promising elephant is a tragedy." **Vetrinarian Dr. D.N. Nagaraju.**

CCF seeks report

Nagarahole Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) Narayanaswamy has sought a report from Vetrinarian Dr. Nagaraju. He said that though Drona is suspected to have died of massive heart attack, the exact reason for its death would be known after receiving the laboratory report. He said that he has asked Dr. Nagaraju to investigate and submit a report to him besides stating that further action would be taken only after receiving the report.

It never suffered from any illness even once

I am taking care of Drona since five years and not even once had I given him any tablets, he was that healthy. I am deeply pained by its death. I had gone for the treatment of a wild elephant which was found sick at Boodittu in Periyapatna when I heard about Drona. I immediately left the place to rush to Drona's aid and I received the death news mid way. I was at the spot within half-an-hour and inspected Drona, but it was dead.

—Veterinarian Dr. Mujeeb.

Will HDK gift Golden Chariot

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Worried over his son's political debut in Mandya, Kumaraswamy met astrologer Dwarakanath, who is popularly called as 'Raja Guru,' in political and social circles. The meeting took place at CM's Home Office 'Krishna' in Bengaluru last night and Dwarakanath has reportedly told Kumaraswamy that the Golden Chariot vow has to be fulfilled and if it is abandoned, it may incur the Lord Subramanya's wrath.

Dwarakanath is one of the well-known astrologers whom most politicians, irrespective of the party they belong to, seek blessings and take advice from before plunging into any political decisions. Reports said that following Dwarakanath's advice, Kumaraswamy has directed the Muzarai Department to take up the project.

Speaking to reporters, Dwarakanath said that the promise of Golden Chariot was made by Dharam Singh and he had given his word on that. "The promise has not been fulfilled so far and even there was no cooperation from the government officers. Kumaraswamy told me that he will re-initiate the project," he said and added, "I told the CM that once the works of the Golden Chariot is completed, all the problems will be solved."

Intelligence report

Meanwhile, State Intelligence Department has predicted a setback to Nikhil Kumaraswamy in three Assembly segments in Mandya Parliamentary seat — Malavalli, Maddur and Mandya. As per the report, it is predicted that except Halagur Hobli in Malavalli taluk, Nikhil has suffered a huge set back against Independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish. In Maddur and Mandya segments too, Sumalatha is leading against Nikhil.

According to sources, Kumaraswamy has charged Malavalli MLA K. Annadani, Maddur MLA, also Transport Minister, D.C. Thammanna and Mandya MLA M. Srinivas for their 'failure' in garnering votes for his son. The CM has blamed the MLAs for their failure in taking Congress party workers into confidence during the election campaigning.

Vatal Nagaraj stages solo protest

Mysuru, Apr.28 (PM&DM)- Kannada Chaluvali leader and former MLA Vatal Nagaraj staged a solo demonstration in protest against defection of Legislators and huge sums of money allegedly spent by main political parties in the LS polls, at the city Railway Station Circle here this morning.

Vatal Nagaraj sought the Election Commission to end this menace at once and to bar defecting legislators from contesting any poll for ten years and also jail them for atleast two years.

Alleging that the three main political parties in the State of spending more than Rs. 4,000 crore totally in the recently held LS polls, Vatal urged the Election Commission to come up with stringent laws to curb money and muscle power in polls.

Maintaining that huge Election expenditures are posing a serious threat to democracy, he wanted the EC to curb all sorts of poll malpractices.

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Palace Board to take up repair works of Kannada Sahitya Parishat Office

Parishat begins shifting of furniture from Palace premises to its own building in Vijayanagar

Mysuru, Apr.28- Following the Palace Board's direction to shift its office located in the Mysore Palace premises, the District Kannada Sahitya Parishat began moving out of the Palace premises yesterday morning by shifting furniture to the Parishat's own building in Vijayanagar.

The Parishat office located at the Jayarama Gate (North Gate) of Mysore Palace has been dilapidated, following which the Palace Board, which maintains the building has been asking the Parishat to vacate the office for taking up repair and maintenance works.

The repair works had become inevitable as the roof and the walls of the building have developed cracks.

Parishat District President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna said that the Parishat has been functioning in the existing office since 1990, after the All India Kannada Sahitya Sammelana was held in the Palace premises that year.

Pointing out that the Palace Board has been asking the Parishat to shift its office so as to enable the Board to take up repair works, Dr. Rajanna said the Parishat will now relocate to its own building in Vijayanagar and the process has commenced with the moving of furniture.

Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya said that the Board had asked the Parishat to shift for taking up repair works which will be undertaken by the city's Nirmiti Kendra. The works are likely to be completed in six months, he said.

Selected for 'Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award-2019'

Dr. Kantha S. Jadhav

Mysuru, Apr.28- Dr. Kantha S. Jadhav, Founder of Mysore Medical College Alumni Association (MAA), Mysuru and former VC of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences and retd. Professor and Head of Anatomy Department of Mysore Medical College, has been selected for the 'Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award-2019' to be conferred by NRI Welfare Society of India.

The award will be presented at the World NRI Congress, organised by the NRI Welfare Society of India to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at House of Commons, Westminster, London, on May 20.

A musical tribute on Dr. Raj's birth anniversary

Singer Ramesh Kumar couple feted

Mysuru, Apr.28 (SPN&US)- Marking the birth anniversary of Kannada Matinee idol Dr. Rajkumar, Madhuragana Kalavrunda had organised a 'Rasamanjari' programme at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road here on Friday.

Singers Vishwanath Shastri, Ananth Krishna, Sudheendra, Kavita Kamat, Rashmi and Prerana rendered popular songs from Rajkumar movies and songs directed by Rajan Nagendra like 'Yelli Ninna Bhaktaro', 'Jenina Holeyo', Madhura Madhuravi', 'Naa Ninna Mareyalare', 'Neera Bittu Nelada Mele' and many more, receiving thunderous applause from the audience.

Speaking on the occasion, Film Director Bhargava opined that working in movies of Dr. Rajkumar was like working in an educational institution with ample scope for learning at every step.

He observed that Dr. Rajkumar was still immortal in the Kannada film industry with his (Raj) stellar performances.

Troupe leader and singer Ramesh Kumar and his wife were felicitated on the occasion.

Former MLC D. Madegowda, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji of Melukote, Social Worker K. Raghuram, former District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal and others were present.

Women achievers conferred 'Mahila Ratna' Awards

Mysuru, Apr.28 (PM&DM)- As part of International Women's Day, six women achievers from different fields were conferred 'Maharani Kempananjammanni Mahila Ratna' award at a programme organised by Karnataka Sena Pade at Rotary Hall on JLB Road here on Saturday.

Speaking after inaugurating the programme, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath said that Mysuru is home to several firsts and this is because of the enormous contribution made by the erstwhile rulers of Mysore.

Recalling the role of Maharani Kempananjammanni in Women's Education, Women Empowerment etc., she said that though women have made a mark in almost every field and sector, it was high time for women to look at more opportunities and avenues to reach greater heights.

Highlighting the importance of appearing for competitive exams, the Mayor said that competitive exams always helps in gaining more and more knowledge in various topics.

Dr. K.V. Lakshmidevi, Senior Gynaecologist; Prof. S.A. Kamala Jain, faculty, Government Maharaja Sanskrit Patashala; Dr. A. Pushpa Iyengar, writer; Dr. P. Bhramaramba Maheshwari, woman priest; N. Sangeetha, an automobile entrepreneur and C.V. Apoorva Jain, musician and dancer, were conferred the awards.

Also, talented students of Nataraja Women's College were presented 'Pratibha Puraskara' on the occasion.

Karnataka Sena Pade State President C.R. Srinivasgowda, District President Tejesh Lokeshgowda, Kutumba Rakshana Vedike President Dr. Manjula Umesh, Maharani's Arts College for Women faculty Dr. M.S. Anitha and others were present.

Essay contest on Basavaraj Kattimani's short stories

Mysuru, Apr.28- Basavaraj Kattimani Foundation is conducting an essay writing competition on the short stories of noted Kannada writer and novelist Basavaraj Kattimani on his centenary celebrations (1919-2019).

Interested may send their essay after taking a critical look and describing the message, pith and moral given by Kattimani in his stories after typing neatly on computer not exceeding 2,700 words.

A cash prize of Rs.10,000, Rs.7,000 and Rs.5,000 will be given for the best three essays selected by a panel of judges.

A consolation prize of Rs.2,500 will also be given to two or four essays. This will be published in a souvenir to be brought out by the Foundation.

The participants must send their essays through registered posts addressed to the Chairman of the Foundation, Kumara Gandharva Ranga Mandir, Belagavi - 590016. For details, contact Ph: 0831-2474648, stated a press release from the Chairman Prof. Mallikarjuna Hiremutt.

Bowlers' excellence help Rajasthan score a good win over Hyderabad

Jaipur, Apr.28- All-round Rajasthan Royals (RR) beat Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) by 7 wickets at Sawai Mansingh Stadium here yesterday to stay alive in race to playoffs contention in IPL-2019.

In the chase, Ajinkya Rahane (39) and Liam Livingstone (44) took the hosts to flying start, forging a 78-run stand. Their stand made the chase look easy from the onset as Sanju Samson (48 not out) and a cameo from skipper Steve Smith (22) helped the hosts cross the live with five balls to spare.

Earlier, Varun Aaron, Oshane Thomas, Shreyas Gopal and Jaydev Unadkat displayed disciplined bowling performances to restrict SRH to 160/8.

Put in to bat, SRH lost Kane Williamson after a 28-run stand with David Warner. Manish Pandey (61) then stepped in to carry his form from the previous match to score a half-century. He was well complimented by Warner from the other end, who could only manage 37 runs. Following their dismissals, SRH registered a collapse as their middle and lower-order batsmen failed to do much with the bat.

With the victory, Royals moved a place up to sixth position with 10 points. Sunrisers (10 points) remained at fourth position even after the defeat due to their superior run-rate.

Now, three teams are on 10 points, the third being Kings XI Punjab (KXIP). Meanwhile, Chennai Super Kings (CSK) become the first team to book their play-off berth.

IPL Season-12

Today's Matches

DC Vs **RCB**
Feroz Shah Kotla Ground, Delhi, **4 pm**

KKR Vs **MI**
Eden Gardens, Kolkata, **8 pm**

Tomorrow's Match

SRH Vs **KXIP**
Rajiv Gandhi Intl. Cricket Stadium, Hyderabad, **8 pm**

Yesterday's Result

RR 161/3 (19.1)
beat
SRH 160/8 (20)

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BCCI recommends four players for Arjuna Award

Jasprit Bumrah *Md. Shami* *Ravindra Jadeja* *Poonam Yadav*

New Delhi, Apr.28- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) yesterday recommended the names of Indian men's team cricketers Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami and Ravindra Jadeja, and women's team player Poonam Yadav for the Arjuna Award.

The Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) met in New Delhi to discuss the matter in the presence of GM Cricket Operations Saba Karim. Saba Karim had proposed the names of the four cricketers.

Bumrah has been an integral part of the Indian cricket team in recent times and will be leading the bowling attack for the country at the 2019 World Cup to be held in England and Wales.

Shami has also been in great form in recent times and made a remarkable comeback into the Indian limited-overs side after being considered only for the longer format in the last couple of seasons.

Jadeja, who till recently was only part of the Indian Test side, has also made a return to the limited-overs team and has been picked as the third spinner in the 15-member squad for the World Cup 2019.

Poonam Yadav has been deservedly nominated from the women's team.

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Runner-up at Indian National Car Rally

Mysuru, Apr.28- Rakshith Iyer, a student of JSS Science and Technology University, formerly SJCE, participated in the Indian National Car Rally Championship 2019 at Bengaluru recently and won 2nd runner-up prize in Federation Motor Sports Club of India 2WD Cup.

He drove his Honda City V.Tech in 1600 CC category, total 12 drivers were competing along with him. The event was named as 'Sprint de Bengaluru.'

SPORTS EVENTS

TENNIS

Mysore Tennis Cup AITA TS7 Tennis Tourney

29.4.2019 to 3.5.2019	For U-12 boys & girls at Mysore Tennis Club Courts, Chamarajapuram, Mysuru

BADMINTON

Centre Court's State Open Badminton Championship - 2019

4.5.2019 to 5.5.2019	at G.S. Sports Complex, near NPS International School, Vijayanagar 4th State, Mysuru

SPORTS QUIZ

1. What does the term BFI stands for?
2. The term 'Deuce' is associated with which sport?
3. The 'IFA Shield' is associated with which sport?
4. Which F1 driver has taken the pole position in the Azerbaijan GP?
5. Whom did Medvedev beat to reach the final in the ongoing Barcelona Open?

1. Basketball Federation of India 2. Tennis 3. Football
4. Valterri Botas 5. Kei Nishikori

Conventional rake of Mysuru-Varanasi
Bi-Weekly Express replaced with LHB rake

Mysuru, Apr.28- South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, has replaced one conventional rake of Train No.16229/16230 Mysuru-Varanasi-Mysuru Bi-Weekly Express rake with LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) rake with effect from 18.4.2019.

The Train commencing journey on every Thursday ex Mysuru and every Saturday ex Varanasi will now run with LHB coaches. The revised composition is 2 WLRRM Power Car, 5 LS/LSDD General second sitting, 9 LWSCN Sleeper, 3 LWACCN Three Tier AC, 1 LWACCW Two Tier AC coaches. Replacement of second rake will be notified shortly.

LHB coaches are designed on German technology and have inbuilt safety and comfort features that are comparable to world class standards. These coaches are safer and proven to have a smooth riding comfort even at high speeds with improved suspension system and features wide windows as added advantage. The LHB coaches are fitted with microprocessor controlled high capacity air-conditioning system which gives passengers better comforts during summer and winter season. The coaches have anti-telescopic and anti-climbing feature which lead to zero fatality in case of derailment or collision. The disc brake system of LHB coaches is superior to that of conventionally used brake system, according to a press release from Dr. S.G. Yatish, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO, SWR, Mysuru Division.

'AC rail coaches going hi-tech'

P. Sudhakara Reddy, Senior Section Engineer (Electrical), SWR, delivering a talk at IEI in city recently.

Mysuru, Apr.28 (SPN&NNN)- A guest lecture programme in association with the Indian Society of Heating Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE) was held at Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) premises recently. The topic of the day was 'Air Conditioning System and Operational Challenges of Railway Coaches.'

R. Suresh, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presided over the function. D.K. Dinesh Kumar welcome the gathering and introduced the guest speaker — P. Sudhakara Reddy, Senior Section Engineer (Electrical), South Western Railway, Mysuru. Speaking on the occasion, Reddy said, "There is substantial improvement in the air conditioned Railway coaches these days." He said that the Indian Railways has made rapid strides in the recent past and building hi-tech air conditioned coaches at Integral Coach Factory (ICF) near Chennai.

There are world class passenger comfort facilities being developed in this factory. Including Wi-Fi and entertainment facilities, there are also GPS enabled service for the passengers, he said.

Train 20, the proposed Higher-speed rail, long distance electric multiple unit which has been designed to replace the Rajdhani Express fleet of the Indian Railways, will chug by 2020, he said during the power point presentation.

ISHRAE President T.A. Prabhakar and Secretary Anil Kumar were present.

New team of Mysuru Travels Assn.

A group photo of the new Executive Committee of Mysuru Travels Association (MTA) for the year 2019-20. Hon. President - B.S. Prashanth; Hon. President - C. A. Jaykumar; President - H. Shivalingaiah; Vice-President - P. David Raj; Secretary - Vinod; Joint Secretary - Shanthakumar Biradar; Treasurer - Arun Kumar; PRO - H.V. Raghavendra; Cultural Head - N. Nagesh; Executive Committee Members - Muralidhar, Srinivas, C. Venkatesh and M.S. Mahesh.

Temperature likely to touch
41 degrees Celsius in Ch'nagar

Mysuru, Apr.28 (RKB&NNN)- The Meteorological Department has predicted that there is going to be drizzle and light rain in Mysuru, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar districts till Apr.28.

There is going to be fluctuation in weather condition in Chamarajanagar and the weather forecast says that the temperature is going to go up from 37 degrees Celsius to 41 degrees Celsius.

In Kodagu district, which was considered a summer holiday destination because of its cool climes, the temperature will range from 36 degrees to 39 degrees, Mysuru district will be between 35 and 37 degrees Celsius, said the officials of the Organic Farm Research Station at Naganahalli.

There is going to be variation in minimum temperature in these four districts. In Mysuru, the minimum temperature is 23 to 25 degrees Celsius, Kodagu 25 to 27 degrees Celsius, Mandya 21 to 24 degrees Celsius and Chamarajanagar 22 to 24 degrees Celsius, said the Meteorological Department officials.

GOOD MONSOON THIS SEASON

The monsoon forecast for this rainy season is very good and the farmers need not feel anxious about lack or poor rainfall. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted moderate to heavy rainfall. In June to September quarter, there are 95% chances of good rainfall in monsoon season, said the IMD Director.

336 officials to count votes
of Mysuru-Kodagu LS on May 23

Mysuru, Apr.28 (RK&SR)- The District Administration and Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, who is also the District Election Officer, have been making all arrangements for the counting of votes of the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency which will be held on May 23.

The fate of all the 22 candidates including BJP candidate Pratap Simha and Congress-JD(S) coalition candidate C.H. Vijayashankar will be decided on this day.

Counting of votes will take place at the new campus of Maharani's College for Commerce and Management at Paduvarahalli, off Hunsur Road in its ground floor, first and second floor. The counting will begin at 8 am on that day. Early trends are expected to be available by 10 am.

Sources told *Star of Mysore* that the counting of votes of every Assembly segment will held at 14 tables. Likewise, 112 tables will be kept for all 8 Assembly segments for counting of votes at the Counting Centre. As many as 336 officials will be deployed for counting of votes.

The District Administration has also arranged training for these officials during May second week in two phases to sensitise them on the protocol to be followed.

Two phase training for counting officials in second week of May

Senior officials from the District Administration are reviewing the arrangements for counting of votes as per directions from Election Commission of India.

TIGHT SECURITY

Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) of the respective Assembly segments have been kept in strong rooms at Maharani's College counting centre that has round-the-clock security and CCTV coverage.

Several dozens of cameras have been installed inside and outside the counting centres. Fire protection measures are also in place at the centre.

Barring election officials and media persons, mobile phones of others will not be allowed inside the centres on the counting day. The area around the centre will be barricaded to prevent public from entering. Only authorised persons carrying valid ID cards will be allowed inside.

AKRRS Karmika Mahamandali to stage strike on May 1

Mysuru, Apr.28- The members of **Akhanda Karnataka Rajya Rasthe Sarige Karmika Mahamandali (AKRRS)** will be staging a symbolic protest on May 1 (Labour Day) at the Freedom Park in Bengaluru as part of the 160th indefinite dharna launched by the Mahamandali on Oct.1 last year in front of their Department's Central Head Office in Bengaluru.

Labour Unions and employees of all the divisions of State-run Corporations like KSRTC, BMTC, NEKRTC and NWKRTC have expressed their support to the protest. The members have been holding protest in support of their various demands including to conduct elections for Labour Union Bodies, to declare all labourers working in all four State-run Corporations as Government employees, to reinstate the dismissed employees, revision of their wages for better salary, pension and perks.

Six arrested for hunting Sambar at reserve forest

150 kg meat, Single Barrel gun, cartridges, knives, vehicles seized

Gonikoppal, Apr.28 (PS&KS)- Kodagu Police have arrested six persons on charges of hunting a Sambar at a Reserve Forest and transporting the meat. The Cops have seized about 150 kg of the poached animal meat, a single barrel gun, live cartridges, knives and two vehicles from the accused.

The arrested are 31-year-old K.B. Siddique, M.H. Sameer and 32-year-old A.M. Sameer of Begur village, 40-year-old K.A. Mohammed, 49-year-old K.A. Yusuf and 40-year-old K.A. Ismail of Kunjila village.

On Saturday at about 3 am, Kodagu Crime Investigation Bureau (KCIB) staff was checking vehicles at Irupu Road junction on Kutta Road, where they intercepted the vehicle during which the crime came to light.

The accused, who had entered the reserve forest in Kutta limits illegally, had also shot the Sambar and were transporting the meat when they were caught.

KCIB Inspector K. Nagesh and staff K.S. Anil Kumar, B.L. Yogesh, K.R. Vasanth, M.N. Niranjan, Shashikumar and others took part in the operation. A case has been registered at Kutta Police Station in this regard.

Superintendent of Police Dr. Suman D. Pennekar has announced a cash prize of Rs.10,000 to the Police team.

Block Health Education Officer killed in road accident

Manjula

Srirangapatna, Apr.28 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- A Block Health Education Officer was killed when a car rammed into the scooter the Officer was riding near Kodishettypura village on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway yesterday.

The deceased Officer is Manjula (40), a resident of Mandya.

Manjula was proceeding to Kodishettypura General Hospital on her scooter, when a car rammed into the scooter resulting in Manjula suffering from serious injuries. She breathed her last en route to hospital.

A case has been registered at Srirangapatna Rural Police Station in this regard.

House burgled at Hebbal

Mysuru, Apr.28 (SPN&KS)- Burglars, who gained entry into a locked house at Hebbal 2nd Stage by breaking open the back door, have decamped with gold ornaments and cash from the house.

The burglary took place at the house of Muthamma, located on the 23rd Cross at Hebbal.

On Apr.15, Muthamma, along with her family members, had been out of station and on Apr.26, her neighbour Ashok Kumar called her over the phone and informed her about the burglary.

Muthamma, who rushed to her house, found the rear door of the hose broken and on inspecting the house, she found Rs.25,000 cash and about 82 grams gold ornaments kept in the almirah missing and lodged a complaint with the Police.

A case has been registered at Hebbal Police Station in this regard.

Seven of a family go missing

Mysuru, Apr.28 (KS)- Seven persons including a woman and six children of a family have gone missing from Udayagiri Police limits in city since Apr.5.

The missing are 32-year-old Nagina, 13-year-old Ujjaise, 12-year-old Mohin, 10-year-old Rahim, 4-year-old Herbia, 3-year-old Rihana and 2-year-old Ayesha.

Those having any information about the missing persons may contact Udayagiri Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418309 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

DA CASE

Bank Manager sentenced

Bengaluru, Apr.28- A Bengaluru Court has sentenced a Canara Bank Manager to five years imprisonment besides imposing a hefty penalty of Rs.50 lakh on him in connection with a Disproportionate Assets (DA) case.

H.S. Eshwar, Canara Bank Manager at Srirangapatna Branch, is the one who has been sentenced.

The Anti-Corruption Wing of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had filed a charge-sheet against Eshwar in the Court, accusing him of amassing wealth of Rs.6,47,75,873 beyond his known sources of income while he served as Manager of Canara Bank between 2011 and 2014.

The 46th Additional Civil and Sessions Court Bengaluru handling CBI cases held Eshwar guilty of the charges and sentenced him to five years imprisonment besides imposing a penalty of Rs.50 lakh on him.

Judge S.H. Pushpanjali also ordered attachment of properties worth Rs.4,90,31,838 owned by Eshwar, it is learnt.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Perspicacious

Pronunciation: per-spuh-KAY-shus.

Meaning: Of acute mental vision or discernment: keen.

Origin: Perspicacious is similar in meaning to shrewd and astute, but a sharp mind will also discern subtle differences among them. All three denote being acute in perception and sound in judgment, but shrewd stresses practical, hardheaded cleverness, whereas perspicacious implies unusual power to see through and comprehend what is puzzling or hidden. Astute suggests both shrewdness and perspicacity, as well as diplomatic skill.

Example: Captivated by the breadth of its elegant façade—echoed in the grandeur of the interior spaces—the perspicacious owners enlisted their trusted decorator Jacques Grange... to collaborate on a sensitive renovation. —Angus Wilkie, Architectural Digest, December 2017

THE ODD WORD

Pusillanimous

Showing a lack of courage or determination; timid.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Keep it under your hat

Meaning: Keep it secret.

Origin: At first this seems a rather strange phrase. Why should people put anything under their hats and, even if they were to, why would that be associated with secrecy? The speculation is that putting an item under one's hat would be a way of hiding it. Such trickery is recorded, as in the collection of stories published as The Adventurer, 1793: "By a sudden stroke of conjuration, a great quantity of gold might be conveyed under his hat."

The most commonly repeated speculation of the origin of this expression is that English archers in medieval times used to store spare bowstrings under their hats to keep them dry. That's as likely as another fanciful story about English bowmen — that the French chopped off the fingers of any English archers captured during the Hundred Years' War and that the English archers made defiant two-fingered V-signs to the French army at Agincourt to show that they still had their fingers and were ready to fire. Later wits have elaborated on the yarn to include the story that the archers also shouted 'pluck yew' (English longbows are made of yew wood) - a neat pun but complete nonsense. Let's just get that bowstring under the hat tale out of the way: - Firstly, keeping dry isn't keeping secret, so even if archers did store strings under their hats, and there's no evidence that they did, where is the connection to the phrase's meaning?

- Secondly, and it would have been kinder to put this first as it entirely dismisses the archer tale, the phrase isn't known in English until the 19th century - so much for a medieval origin.

QUOTE BOX

Create the highest, grandest vision possible for your life, because you become what you believe. **—Oprah Winfrey**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus below:

Answer: To err on the right side.

SUDOKU

			1					
1			6				9	
4			7	3			1	8
3		1					8	
		7	8		9	4		
	4					7		1
7	1			4	5			9
	5				1			2
					7			

Answer to previous puzzle

1	5	8	6	3	2	7	4	9
7	9	2	5	8	4	3	6	1
3	6	4	7	9	1	8	2	5
8	7	3	1	2	9	4	5	6
6	2	1	4	5	8	9	7	3
9	4	5	3	6	7	1	8	2
2	1	7	9	4	5	6	3	8
5	3	9	8	7	6	2	1	4
4	8	6	2	1	3	5	9	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Fixed-Base Operator
4 Currency in Capetown
8 Bristle of barley
11 Twin brother of Kush
12 Loosened, ruined or unbuttoned?
14 "Are" anagram for a foreign boy's name?
15 Uranium Resch. Inst.
16 James ____ : American revolutionary statesman who helped draft Articles of Confederation?
17 Princess who is a Gilbertian feminist
18 Witch town - "Doner" anagram?
20 Lowest point
22 Triumphant cry
24 A small flat-fish
25 Those people over there!
28 ___ Dhabi : capital of UAE
30 Grudging feeling
34 Cropped hairstyle
35 Peculiar
36 Estimated life expectancy
37 Mama Mia - singing group
39 Genetic initials
40 It is not right to be abandoned!
41 Inquire into a person's affairs
43 Declare
45 Ringworm - "ate in" anagram?
48 Classroom accessories?
52 To be - a change of "era"?
53 Marked into distinct areas - "dozen" anagram?
57 Limited Installation Program
58 Supplement with difficulty
59 Arranged in banded areas
60 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
61 Hallucinogenic drug
62 In this place
63 Et cetera, in short

FRIDAY'S ANSWER:

A	R	M	■	S	O	L	A	■	C	A	R	D
R	U	E	■	T	W	I	N	■	O	R	E	O
A	T	N	■	A	N	T	I	■	N	A	T	H
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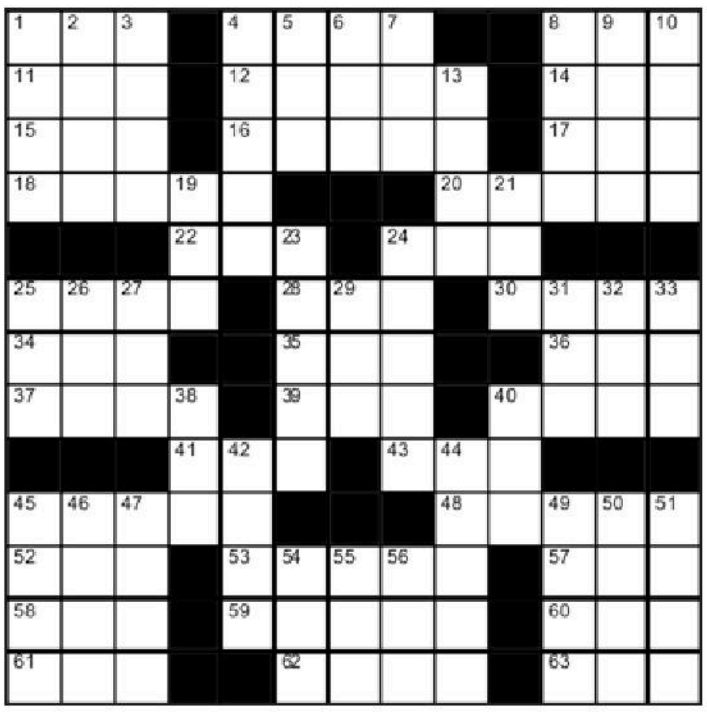
O	B	O	E	■	I	D	E	E	■	O	N	T
W	A	N	D	■	P	A	I	D	■	T	S	E

DOWN

1 Smoke-duct
2 Destroy by fire
3 Roman poet - "O div" anagram?
4 Indian paceman ___ Pratap Singh
5 __ Malik : music director of Kareeb and Suraksha
6 Natl Def Acad.
7 Noise or clamour
8 Dull and lifeless, in a way?
9 Dry river-bed
10 Close
13 Financial inst. __ Bank
19 Electrical unit for voltage upon amperage?
21 Honest name
23 Harass
24 Alexander ____ : famous French author of "Three Musketeer" fame?
25 Iffy sched. letters
26 Fireplace shelf
27 Abate, flow back
29 Bakery item
31 Adjective meaning born, followed by maiden name
32 Very Low Frequency
33 As late as or until
38 A tailless monkey
40 Alkali or alkaline solution
42 Mock
44 Confuse
45 Chinese weight - "late" change?
46 Causes irritation
47 To want badly
49 Fruit of blackthorn
50 Tartan skirt
51 Specification in short
54 Cry of delight
55 Opp. of SSW
56 Head of corn?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

N IACYUH AC VLK KL OY IYNCSUYM XULI KFY VNKSUY LX

KFY YPAE, OSK XULI KFY KYIGYU LX KFY CSXXYUYU

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS E

Friday's Cryptoquip: Never get angry. Never make a threat. Reason with people

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Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
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Bell Bottom	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
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Yajamana	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Premier Padmini	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Kavacha	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Avengers: Endgame	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
HINDI			
Avengers: Endgame	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Kanchana-3	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
TELUGU			
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----	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
---	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows

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Avengers: Endgame (E-3D)	(S-1)	7.55 am, 11.20 am
		6.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	7.50 am, 11.25 am, 2.55 pm
		6.25 pm, 9.55 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Kavaludaari (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am, 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Kalank (H)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
The Tashkent Files (H)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Premier Padmini (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 7.10 pm
Nruthyam (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Jersy (Te)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Oru Yamandan Prema Kadha (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

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	(S-2)	9.50 pm
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	(S-2)	9.45 am, 1.25 pm,
		5.10 pm, 8.55 pm
Kavaludaari (K)	(S-3)	12.10 pm, 6.30 pm
Kanchana -3 (Ta)	(S-4)	3.55 pm
Jersey (Te)	(S-4)	9.40 pm
Premier Padmini (K)	(S-4)	10.40 pm, 7.15 pm
Oru Yamandan Prema Kadha (Ma)	(S-3)	3.10 pm
Howla Howla (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm

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	3.35 pm, 5.10, 9.00, 9.50 pm
Avengers: Endgame (E-3D)	10.30 AM, 2.20 pm, 6.10, 10.00 pm
Premier Padmini (K)	9.55 am, 7.25 pm
Kavaludaari (K)	12.30 pm, 10.00 pm
Kanchana 3 (Ta)	2.50 pm
Jersey (Te)	6.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (APR.28)

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana: Kreedaa Kaushalya, exhibition of traditional games, Ramsons, Handicrafts Sales Emporium, opposite Mysuru Zoo, **up to 7 pm.**

PANACHE: The Festive Edit (Designer expo), Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**

Gruhashobhe: International Trade Fair, Maharaja's College Ground, **up to 9 pm.**

JSS Mahavidyapeetha - JSS Kalamantapa: Valedictory of Yeleyara Mela - 2019, Speech and Hearing Expert and senior theatre artiste Indira Nayar presides, senior theatre artiste of Rangayana Mime Ramesh delivers valedictory address, Navajyoti auditorium, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, **4.30 pm.**

Studio Pepperfry, Mysuru: 'ZULU Painting & Natural Colour Preparation Workshop by Garavi Arts,' Shashank (Awardee of 'Kala Tapasvi' from Mysuru Literature and Culture Foundation) conducts workshop, Studio Pepperfry, Kalidasa Road, **4.30 pm to 7 pm.** [Registrations: Ph: 0821-4264200 / 8884782222]

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Veena concert by S.V. Sahana from Mysuru, accompanied by veterans Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma on mridanga and G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru: Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Chanting, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Spiritual discourse in Kannada on 'Narada Bhakti Sutra' by Pujya Swami Brahmananda Saraswathi, Sri Sharada Sringeri Mutt, Fort Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Various Organisations in J.P. Nagar, Gururu and Gejjagalli villagers: 112th birth anniversary of Sri Shivakumara Swamiji, Recitation of devotional songs, 5 pm; Sri Shivarudra Swamiji of Beli Mutt, Bengaluru, graces the occasion, S.P. Manjunath, Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, presides, S.A. Ramdas, MLA of KR Constituency and former Minister, inaugurates, Prof. K.R. Mallikarjunappa, BJP District President, Chamarajanagar and U.S. Shekhar, Industrialist, chief guests, Corporators M. Sharadamma Ishwar and R. Shantamma Vadivelu will be present, Puttaraja Gawai Stadium, J.P. Nagar, **6 pm.**

Bhagini Seva Samaja: Bhagini Ramotsava - Annual Music Festival as part of Ramanavami celebrations, Violin and Sitar Jugalbandi by Dr. Mysore Manjunath and Ustad Rafique Khan, accompanied by Patri Satish Kumar on mridanga and Pt. Rajendra Nakod on tabla, Bhagini Seva Samaja School premises, near Ballal Circle, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Srirampet: 129th Sri Ramothsava celebration of Sri Vikari Nama Samvatsara, Shayanotsava, cultural programme, Alamma Choultry, Kunchitigara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

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Rangavalli: 'Rangavalli Laugh Fest' a Comedy theatre festival in memory of Comedian Charlie Chaplin, staging of play 'Samsaradalli Sanidapa' (written by K.V. Akshara - based on Dario Fo's 'The Virtuous Burglar'; Duration: 90 Minutes), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **3.30 pm and 7 pm (2 Shows).**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Checkmate,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Natana School of Theatre Arts: Staging of play 'Chora Charanadasa,' School premises, Ramakrishna Nagar, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APR.29)

Sri Mahaganapati Temple: Kumbhabhisheka, Panchamruta Abhisheka, Kalasha Sthapane, Navagraha Homa, Adhivasa Homa and Gana Homa, **8 am;** Mangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **12 noon;** Cultural Programme by Yoga community, **6.15 pm;** Music Programme by M.T. Shruthi Ranjani and M.T. Bindhu Malini, Temple premises, J.P. Nagar A-Block, **7 pm.**

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Gruhashobhe: International Trade Fair, Maharaja's College Ground, **11 am to 9 pm.**

DoS in Earth Science, University of Mysore (UoM): Felicitation to Prof. A. Balasubramanian (Professor of Earth Science) on the occasion of his superannuation, UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presides, former UoM VC Prof. M. Madaiah chief guest, DoS in Earth Science Chairman Prof. M. Sethumadhav will be present, MNV auditorium, DoS in Earth Science, Centre for Advanced Studies in Precambrian Geology (CAS), Manasagangothri, **3.30 pm.**

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Study and Research Centre, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Manasagangothri: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 128th birth anniversary celebrations, KSOU VC Prof. D. Shivalaingaiah presides, KIKS Director Prof. Nilagiri M. Talwar inaugurates and delivers special lecture, Cauvery auditorium, **3.30 pm.**

Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University: Prize Distribution Ceremony, University in-Charge VC Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote presides, Kolkata's Vishwabharati University's Indian Dance Department Head Dr. Shruti Bandopadhyaya inaugurates, IGNCA - South Regional Centre, Bengaluru Director Dr. Deepti Navaratna and Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust Director K. Ramamurthy Rao chief guests, University premises, **4 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Dr. K.S. Gowdaiah Pratishtana, K.R. Nagar: Mareyalagada Mahaniyaru, Senior freedom fighter Tagadur Ramachandrarayaru - Ondu Nenapu, District Freedom Fighters Association President Dr. M.G. Krishnamurthy inaugurates, senior scholar Prof. Maleyuru Guruswamy speaks, Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, writer N. Nagachandra, senior Congress leader T.S. Ravishankar and culture patron K. Raghuram chief guests, Dr. K.S. Gowdaiah Pratishtana President G. Prakash will be present, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **5 pm.**

Bhagini Seva Samaja: Bhagini Ramotsava - Annual Music Festival as part of Ramanavami celebrations, vocal recital by Chandana Bala Kalyan, accompanied by K.J. Dilip on violin, A. Radhesh on mridanga and Jayaram on ghata, Bhagini Seva Samaja School premises, near Ballal Circle, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**

Lecture Programme: Dr. Sudhendar H. Rao, Executive Director, MYRA School of Business, delivers a lecture on 'Artificial Intelligence & the Fourth Industrial Revolution,' Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Srirampet: 129th Sri Ramothsava celebration of Sri Vikari Nama Samvatsara, Olagudi Uthsava, Harikatha by Vid. Beluru Nagalakshmi Shivaram, Alamma Choultry, Kunchitigara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Prasanna Sundara Mandira Seva Samiti Trust: 83rd Sri Ramothsava, vocal recital by Vidu. Medha Manjunath and party, Sri Rama Mandira, 2nd Main Road, 16th Cross, Jayanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Nandu Associates, Mysuru and Nrityagiri: Bhava Spoorthi - 19th Punyasmarane, Devotional Songs by Sangeetha Vidhyanidhi Dr. Vidyabhushan and troupe, Ramabai Govinda Rao Rangamandira, Ganabharathi, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

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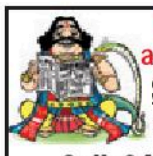

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